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SUBJ: SOVIET MINISTRY OF OIL INTEREST IN U.S. EXHIBITIONS

1. DURING MEETING AT MINISTRY OF OIL INDUSTRY DECEMBER 24, DEPUTY CHIEF, MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES (I.K. SHILIN) EXPRESSED HIS MINISTRY'S STRONG INTEREST IN SENDING SPECIALISTS TO BOTH THE WORLD ENERGY SHOW IN TULSA, MAY 17-21, 1976 AND THE OFF-SHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON MAY 3-6, 1976. COMMERCIAL OFFICE HAD ALREADY SENT BROCHURES ON WORLD ENERGY SHOW TO MINISTRY (REF: A-6454) BUT SHILIN REQUESTED THAT, IF POSSIBLE, AN OFFICIAL INVITATION BE EXTENDED TO MINISTRY OF OIL INDUSTRY SINCE THIS WOULD HELP IN SECURING INTERNAL SOVIET APPROVAL.

2. COMMERCIAL OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE BROCHURES OR DETAILED INFORMATION ON OFF-SHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL BROCHURES AND INVITATION.

3. IF BEWT/TDAD AGREEABLE, IT MIGHT ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO SOUND OUT WITH EITHER PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE OR STATE OF OKLAHOMA OFFICIAL (GOVERNOR?) ISSUANCE OF FORMAL LETTER OF INVITATION TO MINISTER OF OIL INDUSTRY SHASHIN. IF SOVIET MINISTRY OF OIL INDUSTRY DOES SEND DELEGATION, ASSUME BEWT/TDAD WOULD BE WILLING EXTEND USUAL HELPFUL ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING PROGRAM AND ITINERARY.

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4. IN THIS REGARD, SHILIN COMMENTED IN GLOWING TERMS ABOUT
U.S. NEFTA-GAZ EXHIBITION IN 1973 AND STATED THAT INTENSE
SOVIET INTEREST IN U.S. OIL AND OIL EQUIPMENT FIRMS STEMS FROM
SOVIET PARTICIPATION AT THIS EXHIBITION.
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